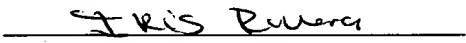
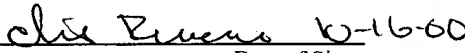


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Sir:

Applicants submit this communication in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. Concurrent with the submission of this communication, Applicants are filing a new application which is a continuation of pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/187,277,

filed November 6, 1998 (#V), which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/899,931, filed July 24, 1997, abandoned (#IV), which is a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/376,512, filed January 23, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,714,504 (the "504 patent") (#II), which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/256,174, filed June 28, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,693,818 (#I).

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following patent members belonging to the same patent family to which the subject continuation application also belongs: (#III) U.S. Patent No. 5,877,192, issued March 2, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part application of (#II), above, and (#VI) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/419,456, filed October 15, 1999, which has been allowed and is a continuation of (#IV), above.

Attached to this communication is a PTO-1449 identifying the prior art cited by the Patent Office or identified in an Information Disclosure Statement in the earlier applications (##I-VI). According to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), Applicants are not required to submit a copy of the same prior art that was cited in the earlier continuation and continuation-in-part applications.

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Respectfully submitted,

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